

A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



We have devoted much of this issue to President George W. Bush's successful state visit, which produced positive, potentially history-making results. The President and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reached agreements that could bring about revolutions in farm production, provision of clean energy to support India's growth, and expanded possibilities for economic and technological development.

We have reprinted the full texts of the President's speech in New Delhi, the Joint Statement issued by President Bush and Prime Minister Singh, and the Prime Minister's toast at the official luncheon. We've also provided more details on the civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, the Agricultural Knowledge Initiative and new strategies for trade and business development that will help transform the partnership between the world's oldest and the world's largest democracy.

In the excitement over these numerous agreements and blueprints for expanded cooperation, the President did not forget the people-to-people initiatives that are so important for both nations as they seek to learn more about each other and work more closely together for the good of the world.

The President called for more student exchanges and H1-B visas for Indian scientists, engineers, physicists and others. In a practical step to help that happen, the President announced that the United States would open a consulate in Hyderabad, the fifth in India.

He also made another significant announcement that may have been overlooked: the intention to build a state-of-the-art American Center in New Delhi. American Centers are outreach facilities where citizens of the host countries can read books and magazines, access reference materials and the Internet, enjoy films and cultural programs, hear discussions, and interact with U.S. government representatives. The President's commitment to a new Center highlights America's interest in engaging with Indians and building greater mutual understanding and a stronger, more enduring partnership.

Michael H. Anderson

Publisher: Michael H. Anderson **Editor-in-Chief:** Corina R. Sanders
Editor: Laurinda Keys Long **Associate Editor:** A. Venkata Narayana
Urdu Editor: Anjum Naim **Hindi Editor:** Giriraj Agarwal
Copy Editor: Deepanjali Kakati **Art Director:** Hemant Bhatnagar
Deputy Art Directors: Khurshid Anwar Abbasi; Qasim Raza
Editorial Assistant: Shalini Verma **Production/Circulation Manager:** Rakesh Agrawal
Printing Assistant: Alok Kaushik **Business Manager:** R. Narayan
Research Services: American Information Resource Center, Bureau of International Information Programs.

Front cover: President George W. Bush is given a traditional welcome to Hyderabad by Vakapalli Jayamani of Payakaraopeta village, Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh, while Chief Minister Y.S.R. Reddy looks on. Photograph by White House Photographer Eric Draper.

Published by the Public Affairs Section, American Center, 24 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001 (phone: 23316841), on behalf of the American Embassy, New Delhi. Printed at Ajanta Offset & Packagings Ltd., 95-B Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi 110052. The opinions expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the U.S. Government. No part of this magazine may be reproduced without permission. This magazine contains 68 pages.

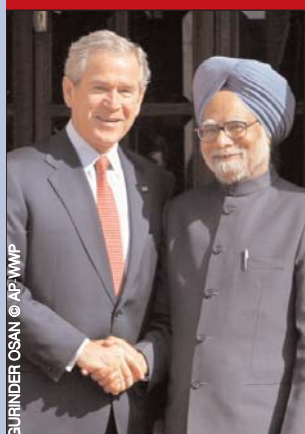
Visit SPAN on the Web at
<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/in1/wwwhspan.html>

Contact us: editorspan@state.gov
For subscriptions: narayanr@state.gov
For change of address: agrawalr@state.gov

March/April 2006

SPAN

VOLUME XLVII NUMBER 2



Cover Story

2

C O N T E N T S

- 2 Working Together, Making History
- 4 I Come to India as a Friend A Speech by President George W. Bush
- 12 Benefits of U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Cooperation
- 15 Partners in a Journey of Progress
A Toast by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh
- 16 Agricultural Knowledge Initiative
- 17 First Lady Visits India's Sesame Street

18

Sweet Power By Deepanjali Kakati

22

Indian Wildlife Experts' American Encounters

By Laurinda Keys Long

26

Hazy Days in U.S. Parks By Charles Petit

34

In Defense of Open Space By Charles A. Birnbaum

36

The CHAI Project By Daniel B. Haber

40

Dr. Nanotech vs. Cancer By Philip Ball

43

On the Lighter Side

44

In Search of a Passage By Lewis Lord

Okefenokee National Wildlife
Refuge in Florida.



Wildlife Experts' Encounters 22

Super Bowl

48



Willie Parker of the Pittsburgh Steelers
during the 2006 Super Bowl game.

48

Super Bowl By Steve Holgate

51

Steve Gorn—Musical Confluence

By Deepanjali Kakati

52

Out of the Shadows By Susan E. Tift

57

A Painter's Ray of Hope By Giriraj Agarwal

58

Good Samaritans By E. Wayne

60

Spotlight: Bobby Jindal By Laurinda Keys Long